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SUBJ: LOCAL TREATMENT OF HARTMAN MISSION

1. GREEK CYPRIOT MEDIA ARE FOLLOWING HARTMAN MISSION CLOSELY, WITH HEAVY COVERAGE ON COMMENTS BY GOT OFFICIALS, OTHERS IN ANKARA.

2. APRIL 23 EDITORIALS SHIFTED FROM EARLIER SKEPTICISM, FAINT HOPE TO UNIVERSAL HOSTILITY. IN VARYING DEGREES, ALL SIX GREEK DAILIES COMMENT THAT USG, THROUGH HARTMAN MISSION, SEEKING TO (1) UNDERMINE VIENNA TALKS, REMOVE CYPRUS PROBLEM FROM UN ARENA; (2) ENCOURAGE TURK INTRANSIGENCE BY ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT, EFFORT RESTORE MILITARY AID, FAILURE TO PRESS FOR CONCESSIONS; (3) DECEIVE CONGRESS AND WORLD OPINION. SAMPLES: PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS SAID THAT USG NOW "ALIGNED" WITH GOT RE CYPRUS;
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CLERIDES' AGHON PRONOUNCED MISSION A FAILURE EVEN BEFORE IT BEGAN.

NOT ONE PAPER FORESAW THAT HARTMAN MISSION COULD HAVE PRODUCTIVE RESULTS FOR CYPRUS.

3. PIO HAS MADE NO COMMENT, BUT SIMILARITY OF ABOVE THEMES SUGGESTS SOME GOC BACKGROUNDING.

4. LOCAL TURK PRESS ALSO FOLLOWING HARTMAN CLOSELY, WITH EMPHASIS MORE ON GOT POSITIONS THAN MERITS OF HARTMAN MISSION. CRAWFORD

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